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SUBJECT: CANADIAN IMMIGRATION TALKS WITH SRV OFFICIALS

REF: HONG KONG 3665

1. HANCOCK, VIETNAM DESK OFFICER, DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (EXTAFF), GAVE EMBOFF APRIL 13 FOLLOWING AMPLIFICATION OF REFTEL INFO.
2. GOC VIEWS SRV WILLINGNESS TO DISCUSS REUNIFICATION MATTERS IN HANOI AND NOT IN SAIGON AS A "STEP FORWARD." GOC HAD BEEN DEALING WITH A SAIGON OFFICE HANDLING REPATRIATION MATTERS. THAT OFFICE WAS GENERALLY LACKING IN AUTHORITY AND IT REFERRED QUESTIONS TO HANOI FOR DECISION. DIRECT DEALING IN HANOI WILL, THEREFORE, AVOID THIS CIRCUITOUS PROCESS.
3. HANCOCK DESCRIBED RESULTS OF MENZIES VISIT (REFTEL) AS CONSTITUTING THREE STEPS FORWARD AND TWO BACKWARDS. HE DESCRIBED PHAN HIEN STATEMENT ABOUT DELAYING EMIGRATION.  
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TION IN "OTHER CASES" FOR HEALING OF WOUNDS AS A STEP BACKWARDS. HE NOTED THAT SRV SEEMS TO BE EMPHASIZING ITS "POLITICAL CONCERNS" WITH NEW VIGOR NOW THAT IT SEEMS TO HAVE GAINED AT LEAST A MEASURE OF INTERNATIONAL RESPECTABILITY IT SEEKING.

4. NUB OF IMMIGRATION PROBLEM, ACCORDING TO HANCOCK, IS

WHETHER SRV OR GOC WILL MAKE FINAL DECISION ON WHO GOES TO CANADA. SRV INSISTS THAT CANADA TAKE ANYONE THEY WILLING TO RELEASE. GOC, FOR ITS PART, RESISTS THIS INSISTING THAT MEDICAL, INTERVIEW AND DOMESTIC SETTLEMENT REQUIREMENTS BE COMPLETED PRIOR TO DECISION OF GOC ON APPLICANT. MENZIES VISIT DEMONSTRATED "REAL PROGRESS" RESOLVING THIS IMPASSE, ACCORDING TO HANCOCK. CONTRARY TO PAST POSITION, SRV INDICATED APPARENT WILLINGNESS TO ISSUE TRAVEL DOCUMENTS TO INTENDING IMMIGRANTS. FURTHER, SRV OFFICIALS IMPLIED THAT MEDICAL EXAMINATION COULD BE CONDUCTED IN SAIGON.

5. DISCUSSING POSSIBILITY THAT SRV MAY BE USING IMMIGRATION ISSUE TO PRESSURE VIETNAMESE COMMUNITY IN CANADA (PARA 4 REFTTEL), HANCOCK EXPRESSED PERSONAL OPINION THAT SRV OFFICIALS NOT OF ONE MIND ON THIS. HE BELIEVES SOME SRV OFFICIALS FAVOR SQUEEZING OVERSEAS COMMUNITY FOR ALL IT WORTH, WHEREAS OTHER OFFICIALS WISH ONLY TO "NEUTRALIZE" VIETNAMESE COMMUNITY IN CANADA. POINT IS, HE SUGGESTED, THAT SRV POLICY ON THIS ISSUE NOT ENTIRELY CLEAR. ENDERS

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